

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 41**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Mitchell**

March 21, 2011

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 41—Relative to the CHP Officer Philip D. Ortiz Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 41, as introduced, Mitchell. CHP Officer Philip D. Ortiz Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 405 in the County of Los Angeles as the CHP Officer Philip D. Ortiz Memorial Highway. The measure would request that the Department of Transportation determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Philip Dennis Ortiz was born June 27, 1961, in
- 2 Santa Monica, California; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Philip D. Ortiz graduated from Santa Monica High
- 4 School in 1979 and attended Santa Monica City College; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Prior to joining the California Highway Patrol
- 6 (CHP), Philip D. Ortiz worked for a local supermarket; however,
- 7 he always had a dream of becoming a CHP Officer; and
- 8 WHEREAS, On December 23, 1982, CHP Officer Philip D.
- 9 Ortiz, badge number 10428, graduated from the CHP Academy
- 10 and was assigned to the central Los Angeles area office; and

1 WHEREAS, After more than seven years of service in the central  
2 Los Angeles area, CHP Officer Philip D. Ortiz was transferred to  
3 the west Los Angeles area, where he spent the remainder of his  
4 career; and

5 WHEREAS, CHP Officer Philip D. Ortiz performed several  
6 duties over the course of his career, some of which included a  
7 motorcycle officer, a motorcycle officer in charge of training the  
8 officers who successfully passed motor school, a weapons/range  
9 officer, a physical methods of arrest (PMA) instructor, and  
10 protective services detail (PSD); and

11 WHEREAS, CHP Officer Philip D. Ortiz was married to his  
12 best friend, Jessica, in 1983, and couldn't have been happier; and

13 WHEREAS, On June 22, 2010, CHP Officer Philip D. Ortiz  
14 pulled a vehicle over for a high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane  
15 violation. While approaching the vehicle, another car was driving  
16 along the shoulder and struck CHP Officer Philip D. Ortiz and his  
17 motorcycle; and

18 WHEREAS, CHP Officer Philip D. Ortiz was transported to  
19 the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center where he remained  
20 until his passing almost two weeks later; and

21 WHEREAS, CHP Officer Philip D. Ortiz is survived by his  
22 wife, Jessica, sister, Anna, mother, Irene, and stepfather, Claude;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, CHP Officer Philip D. Ortiz is admired for his  
25 professionalism, dedication, honesty, loyalty, respect, courage,  
26 and "esprit de corps." He consistently represented the best of the  
27 CHP and was an outstanding role model; now, therefore, be it

28 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
29 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the  
30 portion of State Highway Route 405, south of National Boulevard  
31 and north of Palms Overcrossing, milepost marker 405-LA-29.15  
32 to milepost marker 405-LA-29.19, in the County of Los Angeles  
33 as the CHP Officer Philip D. Ortiz Memorial Highway; and be it  
34 further

35 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested  
36 to determine the cost of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent  
37 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,  
38 showing this special designation, and upon receiving donations  
39 from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and  
40 be it further

- 1     *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
- 3 author for appropriate distribution.

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